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The Daily Republican.

DECATUR, ILLINOIS:
Wednesday Evening, Jan. 12.

THE DAILY REPUBLICAN will be delivered to subscribers in any part of the city, at the office of the publisher, at the rate of \$1.00 per month in advance. Local notices will be inserted at the rate of \$1.00 per line for the first week, and five cents per line for each additional week. Rates for time advertisements will be furnished upon application at the office.

TO DAILY SUBSCRIBERS.

Subscriptions to the DAILY REPUBLICAN will be collected every Saturday, at the place where the paper is delivered, unless otherwise ordered. We would be much obliged if our subscribers would inform the carrier at what particular place they desire their papers to be left.

CITY DEPARTMENT.

Malaga grapes at Inboden's.

Billy Niedermeyer is well stocked with everything nice in the line of groceries, at his new place, 17 West Main street.

All who buy boots and shoes of Weisels are delighted with the nice fits they get. His goods are first-class in quality and style.

The celebrated actor, Edwin Adams, is to be here on March 24th.

The Levee Concert Company is to give an entertainment in the Opera House on Wednesday evening of next week.

If you have a watch, clock, or jewelry, that need repairing, be sure and have it done by H. Post on Merchant street.

People seem quite inclined to "get on their feet" this morning.

It is thought that this snow will put a quietus upon both frogs and mosquitoes.

Circuit Court will probably adjourn on Friday, and probably even before that day.

The four men who have been sentenced to the penitentiary for nine years each, think they have been handled rather roughly, and complain that their punishment is out of proportion when compared with that of others. We understand that they submitted to the court a written appeal, taking strong exception to the verdict in their case.

The chilly air of to-day indicates more snow to come. As the ground is frozen and the roads not very rough, a few inches would make good sleighing, and give the girls and boys a jolly time.

This week is to pass without any entertainment at the Opera House, a fact which will be good for the pocket-books of our people.

We understand that Rev. Dr. Adams, President of the Wesleyan University at Bloomington, is expected to preach at the First M. E. Church on Sunday morning next.

Pork packers are delighted with the change in the weather.

Good skating about a mile north from the square, on the east side of Water street.

This delicious coffee was bought of H. F. May & Bro. They keep the best of everything.

All aboard! Downing's hack is off for the depot.

B. F. Taylor's hack line runs to all parts of the city to deliver and take passengers.

Get your oysters stewed at Ansbach & Casell's restaurant.

Go to Simpson's, No. 10 old square, for oysters cooked or raw.

Everything choice in the line of groceries at D. M. Barnett & Co.'s.

In order to make room for his spring stock S. Einstein is selling his goods at greatly reduced prices.

Prayer meetings at all the churches this evening, except it may be where preaching is substituted. We learn that there is an increasing religious interest in most of the churches in the city, and extra services are being held.

Simpson, at No. 10 old square, has just received a large lot of oysters in shell, and in logs. Oysters served on the half shell or in any other style desired.

We learn from Wheatland that the meeting in progress in the M. E. Church there is interesting in interest, and that the surrounding country is being moved with a high excitement.

But boys are closely watched, and the names of those who pull at door bells and do other mischievous tricks, are being taken down to be handed over to the police in due time. Quite a list of names has already been entered on the black roll, and lightning will strike some of them who little expect it.

A lot of plaid dress goods, at New York prices, to be found at Ransom's.

Go to Niedermeyer's for genuine oatmeal crackers.

Choice pianos and organs at Newell & Hammer's.

And here we are again in the midst of Abel & Locke's splendid stock of carpet goods, comprising the almost numberless beautiful patterns comprised in their assortment. One cannot but wish for a surplus hundred dollars when looking through this establishment, to qualify the wish to buy. However, they sell so cheap that anybody can afford to indulge to some extent. Call and see them.

That gem of a heating stove, called the "Revolution," was bought at R. C. Crocker's. Being a base-burner and a self-feeder, it heats all the stove and economy. Be sure and see it before purchasing elsewhere.

Goods for the mill at Minckley & Dodson's auction store on Merchant street. Lots of folks made happy every day by the immense bargains obtained there in goods' furnishing goods, jewelry and notions of all kinds.

OUR POST-OFFICE.

Its Clerical Force—Its Business as Compared with that of Offices in Other Cities of Equal Population.

The extent of the business done at our post-office is hardly appreciated by those who are not conversant with it, and a statement bearing on that point will probably excite surprise on the part of most people who get their mail at the Decatur office.

The figures which we give below will indicate about what is done in the different branches of our post-office business each day, and also in the course of the year.

The average weight of mails of all classes, deposited daily, is one hundred pounds.

SALE OF STAMPS, ETC.
Stamps sold during the year . . . 350,000
Newspaper wrappers . . . 45,000
Postal cards . . . 85,000
Envelopes . . . 110,000

MONEY ORDERS.
Number of domestic money orders sent during the year . . . 7100
British orders to same time . . . 10
German . . . 8

Making in all 7223 orders issued during the year, for which \$28,000 have been received.

During the same time the money orders cashed at this office amounted to \$62,000.

This shows an average of about 24 money orders issued during each working day, and as the money order office is open only about ten hours per day, the average per hour would be nearly 2 1/2.

It also appears from the above statement that an average of \$255 were received for money orders each day during the year, and that about \$198 were paid out on money orders daily.

THE MAILS.

The number of mails made up each day is sixteen, and the same number is received and distributed.

By comparing the above statement with the statements of other cities, as given in the general postoffice statistics, we find that of 200 cities having offices of the first class, 118 show a smaller average of business done than Decatur, while 81 show a trade larger.

POSTMASTER CYRIL AND HIS ASSISTANTS.

Having spoken of the business of our postoffice, it may not be amiss to name the persons by whom the work is done. At the head of the office is our obliging postmaster, Capt. R. L. Lytle, who gives his personal attention to the affairs of the office, and is not a mere figure-head as is often the case with men holding positions under the government.

Next is Mr. P. W. Handy, assistant postmaster, who is also constantly at his post and attending to the duties of his position. That he is an efficient and obliging officer everybody knows, and we need not for that reason stop to enlarge upon his merits.

Miss Jennie Corneau, the efficient mailing clerk, has been so long connected with the office that it would seem rather as if something was out of place were she to be missed from her accustomed position.

Master A. L. Lytle, stamp and delivery clerk, and Master Walter J. Pitts, whose genial face is seen at the general delivery, have both got the ropes well learned, and attend to the duties of their respective positions in a prompt and obliging manner.

So far as the office itself is concerned, it is one of the most conveniently arranged in the State. The building is new, and being unencumbered by any other business, affords ample room for the business of the department and the accommodation of the public.

The foregoing statement of business done and its comparison with that done at other offices in cities of about equal population, is highly creditable to the business of the town, and shows that Decatur is above the average of towns of its class in the aggregate of its business and correspondence.

Enforce the Ordinances.—Among the ordinances of our city is one requiring the snow to be cleaned from the sidewalks within a given time after a storm. We noticed that some attended to this matter promptly this morning, but a large majority of people allowed the snow to remain upon the walks in front of their premises. In case of a light snow, such as fell last night, it is not a matter of so much importance as when several inches fall at one time, but this snow is a good one to begin on, and by attending to the little duty of sweeping walks now we will become accustomed to it, so that it will not be so hard to get at it when heavier snows fall. Last winter snow to the depth of several inches was allowed to lie upon the walks for weeks, because people were too lazy to remove it.

Pneumonia.—This disease which has, for a time, baffled medical skill, is not incurable. We have been assured, on the authority of Dr. R. Barnard, of Oswego, N. Y., that his daughter was cured, after being given up by the best physicians in the place, by using Hall's Balsam. This medicine is well known, particularly in the western States, as the best remedy for pulmonary complaints ever discovered. Price \$1 per bottle. All druggists keep it.

Expedition to the Plains.—Several of our citizens are organizing an expedition to the Plains. The company will consist of ten or twelve men, and will take its departure some time in March. The tour, which is for prospecting purposes, may result in some of the party making a stand-in the Far West.

Try the Celebrated Crystal Spectacles sold only by Curtis & Righter. 4d

CIRCUIT COURT.

DECEMBER TERM.

JAN. 11—EVENING SESSION.

Court convened at 1 o'clock.

CHANCERY DOCKET.

Agnes Brothers et al. vs. Lewis Brothers et al.; partition. Report of commissioners approved; decree of sale.

Various motions occupied the attention of the court up to the time of adjournment.

JANUARY 12—MORNING SESSION.

Court convened at 8 1/2 o'clock, A. M., and disposed of cases as indicated below:

CHANCERY DOCKET.

Rosanna Wood et al. vs. James H. Keller et al.; chancery. Report of commissioners approved.

John G. Jamison vs. Charles Birmingham, chancery. Trial by court; decree for complainant.

Maria Holdmen vs. Henry Heldman; divorce. Trial by jury, pending which court adjourned to 1 1/2 o'clock.

FROM LONG CREEK.

LONG CREEK, Jan. 12.

EDITORS REPUBLICAN.—Last Saturday evening was rendered eventful by the long locked-for-entertainment given by the young folks of the Long Creek M. E. Church. The exercises opened at 7 o'clock, P. M. Under the wise and judicious management of the committee of arrangements, the entertainment was a success worthy their efforts.

The performances of the little folks was a special feature of the entertainment, besides several very mirth-provoking dialogues. Messrs. Prescott, Day, Weeks and Dawson were present, and favored us with several choice selections of music. At 10 o'clock the exercises closed and the people sought their homes, excepting a number who remained to sit up the sanctuary for services on the following Sabbath. The proceeds of the exhibition amounted to about forty dollars, which will be applied solely to the benefit of the church.

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CENTENNIAL MEETING.

A meeting of the teachers and friends of friends of education of Macon county will be held at my office in Decatur, on Saturday, the 23d day of January, 1878, at 1 o'clock, P. M.

The object of the meeting will be to make arrangements by which Macon county can raise a Centennial School Fund. It is certainly a matter of the utmost importance that our county should be properly represented in educational matters.

I therefore appeal to the teachers of Macon county to respond to the call, and let there be such a gathering as the occasion demands.

S. P. NICKREY, Co. Supt.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Joe, M. Prior is in the city. Ditto the only surviving John Smith.

For the information of the many friends of Miss Laura Emerson, who is very low with typhoid fever, we would say that symptoms this morning were slightly more favorable. Though she is still in a very critical condition there is some ground to expect her recovery.

Johnny Carroll, bas returned from an extended tour to the east, greatly improved in health. His visit to the Holy Land has been postponed until a more convenient season.

O. U. A. M.—A special meeting will be held at the hall of the order this (Wednesday) evening, at 7 1/2 o'clock. Business of importance.

By ORDER OF THE O.

Removal.—Mr. Knieper, the jeweler, removed his big safe to his new quarters on Merchant street yesterday, and will soon have everything in order for business at his new place. Mr. Corman, the sewing machine man, who is to occupy a part of the same store, is getting his affairs in shape, and will be under full sail in the machine business at once. Both gentlemen will have fine and commodious quarters.

Try Curtis & Righter when your watch, clock or jewelry wants repairing. They do all work entrusted to them well, and warrant satisfaction. j12-4t

Macon Chapter No. 21.—At a regular meeting of Macon Chapter No. 21, R. A. M., held Tuesday evening, Jan. 11th, the following officers were installed for the ensuing year:

A. A. Murray, II. P.
S. C. King, R.
E. D. Gatter, E. S.
R. C. Crocker, C. H.
W. H. Simpson, U. S.
J. J. Pike, R. A. C.
J. A. Bohrer, G. M. 1st V.
W. L. Hammon, Trans.
W. H. Wilson, Sec.
Wm. Towling, Tiler.

The Masters elect of the second and 3d Valis were absent.

Reading by Moonlight.—This morning about 5 o'clock, the light of the moon upon the new fallen snow was so bright that ordinary print could be read with perfect ease, and in houses where shutters were open and curtains raised, one could see to go about almost as well as by daylight. Such immense moonshine is seldom seen.

Linn & Scruggs have just received all numbers of Madame Foy's skirt and sporting corset, Mrs. S. A. Moody's abdominal corset, and the Jacqueline corset. Also, a complete assortment of hip-gore and French corsets, of superior makes, and at the lowest price.

21-4dwt

The Jeweler, is agent for the sale of the best brands of American watches.

LIST OF LETTERS.

Remainder in the Post Office, at Decatur, Macon co., Ill., Jan. 12, 1878.

Amos Mrs. Jennie Hays W. Harry.

Burwell Chester Miller G. J.

Blankenship Mrs. E. King James R.

Blanco Adam Lewis Laura E.

Brown B. F. Hinde Mrs. Mary

Brenner Peter Morris Lucy Ann

Crow Charles Appling Wm.

Clark D. F. McGee L. E.

Campbell E. S. Nettie Edw.

Croft Isiah Oraburn Sarah

Cusey Isaac Osborn Marie

Combs John Chamber Mrs. M.

Conner Mrs. M. C. Redden Dora

Crow Philip Rainey John H.

Dawson Mrs. E. H. Reed Mrs. Jennie

Danforth Miss L. Risley Washington

Donwidder Mrs. M. Rush W. B. 2

Davis Mrs. Wm. Sargent Mrs. Geo.

Ford M. A. W. Thayer Hanny

Fombell Alexander Gleason James

Gardner R. E. Williams J. F.

Harris Kate Watkins John

Hutchinson J. Jr. Williams Laura

Harris Samuel L. Winegarner Letta

FOREIGN.

Gardner J. E. R. P. LITTLE, P. M.

MARRIED.

At the Lindell Hotel, St. Louis, on the evening of January 11th, 1878, by Rev. J. W. Cunningham, M. J. R. Mosser, of Decatur, Ill., and Mrs. Mary J. Mooney, of Eau Claire, Wis.

No cards.

Fire Department.—The boys of Rescue Hose No. 3, are now figuring for a new fancy hose (not costing \$1500.00). They are determined to be the premium company of Decatur. Go it, boys; we will hold your hats, even if they are rubber and the best in the city.

If you want to buy very cheap, and almost at cost prices, go to S. Einstein's, where they offer great inducements.

11-3d

The Concordia Club will give their annual Masquerade Ball on the evening of January 20th, 1878.

S. Einstein has just in a lot of Calico, of splendid pattern and good quality, which you can buy 15 yards for a dollar.

11-3d

ANOTHER AVALANCHE!

Boots and Shoe at the store of L. L. FERRISS, at

YOUR PRICES.

The largest and best stock now on hand in the city. Every pair warranted. Must make room for spring goods. Come here first.

Jan. 10-dwt

Don't complain of hard times when Pratt & Son are selling goods so low. Call and see them. One dollar saved is as good as two earned. j10-4t w1

Choice Dairy Butter, at

24-dwt

Genuine Seal Skin Furs, in muffs, bonas and saccos; also Mink Furs, in great variety and cheap, at

Call at 7-dwt

Call at Linn & Scruggs for Ribbons and Hamburg Edging 21-dwt

Linn & Scruggs have the best and cheapest black silks and black alpaca in the city. j10-7 dwt

The Expense of conducting Linn & Scruggs' business requires a smaller per centage on amount of sales than any dry goods house in the United States.

Oct 7-dwt

Prescott & Co. have the largest assortment of Concert Harps ever brought to our city.

18-dwt

A Splendid Stock of Blankets and Flannels, at Linn & Scruggs.

Oct 7-dwt

Clover and Timothy Seed.—We have a large supply of clover and timothy seed for sale. Buy early. It will be higher.

j10-1wt

V. Barber & Co. are now closing out their winter stock of goods at very low prices. They have all the latest styles of boots and shoes, and all varieties, so that they can fully meet the wants of their patrons. Be sure and call on them before purchasing.

5-dwt

Oral Instruction.—Some scholars are waiting to make up a second class in the German language, to meet from 4 to 5 1/2 o'clock in the afternoon, to begin as soon as the number is complete.

j10-1wt

Pike, the Jeweler, keeps the best Spectacles in the city, and sells them at a reasonable price. j10-1-dm

